

Recently Gisborne Secondary College was selected as one of ten Secondary schools to partake in a 3 year program through the astrophysics department of Melbourne University. The ‘Telescopes in Schools’ program provides our college with a research grade telescope together with imaging equipment and on-going support by astrophysicists attending observing evenings. Our telescope is computerized, capable of automatic tracking of objects and has a data base of some 140,000 objects.

All students at GSC will have the opportunity to attend at least one evening this year to try out our telescope. We hope to get students involved from a number of subject areas;

* Digital photography classes to take images through the telescope
* ICT student to capture video, stack the best images and process a final image
* English students to report on the evening and submit material to local newspaper and post comments on Melbourne University’s astrophysics site
* Science students all levels including VCE Physics

One important aspect of this program is to get students involved, to decide what they would like to look at, photograph and operate the telescope for themselves.

 The Telescope

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